

SC Arts Commission  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
The Gibbes Museum, Charleston, SC  
May 25, 2007

Members present	Bud Ferillo, Virginia Self, Carolyn Govan, Harry Love, West Fraser
Members absent	Linda Stern, Noble Cooper
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Rusty Sox, Sara June Goldstein, Harriett Green, Milly Hough, Jeanette Guinn
Call to order	Vice Chairman Ferillo called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.
Minutes	<p>Ms. Govan noted that her absence from the March 27 conference call was caused by a technical difficulty – she was not able to connect to the call.</p> <p>Mr. Love moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, February 28, March 15 and March 27 meetings. Ms. Govan seconded and the minutes were approved.</p> <p>Ms. Stern and Dr. Cooper arrived at 9:02.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report	Ms. Surkamer presented the financial report for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter.
Motion	Mr. Love moved to approve the financial report. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved.
Commissioner Reports	<p>Ms. Govan will be inducted into the SC Black Hall of Fame on June 22. The board congratulated her on this achievement. She also attended an arts event at an alternative school in Darlington featuring the Hallelujah Singers.</p> <p>Mr. Fraser invited board members to drop by his gallery during their stay in Charleston. He has just mounted a new series of paintings in support of American fishermen.</p> <p>Dr. Cooper commented on the Verner and Folk Heritage Awards events, acknowledging the strong planning and coordination by SCAC staff. Mr. Ferillo, Ms. Stern and Ms. Govan shared their favorable impressions.</p>

	<p>Ms. Self attended the SC Community Design Summit and commented on some of the projects described during that conference.</p>
Chairman's Report	<p>Ms. Stern thanked the board and staff for their implementation of and participation in a successful Verner Day.</p> <p>The Southern Arts Federation held its board meeting recently in Columbia, where Ms. Stern had the opportunity to meet with other board chairs of southern state arts agencies.</p>
Special Guest	<p>Ms. Stern introduced Todd Smith, Executive Director of the Gibbes Museum, who welcomed the board.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Ferillo moved that the board enter Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director's annual performance review. Ms. Self seconded, and the motion was approved.</p>
Motion	<p>Mr. Ferillo moved to end the Executive Session. Ms. Govan seconded and the motion was approved.</p>
Special Guest	<p>Ms. Stern introduced Ellen Dressler Morryl, Executive Director of the City of Charleston Cultural Affairs Office. She welcomed the board on behalf of Piccolo Spoleto and described some of this year's offerings. She thanked the board for the support of the SC Arts Commission.</p>
Design Arts	<p>Ms. Surkamer introduced Sara June Goldstein, Design Arts Coordinator and Lindsey Moore, Director of the SC Mayor's Institute. They described some accomplishments of the program, including raising \$104,000 for the program and making relationships with professional organizations, partners and the legislature. Ms. Moore showed a brief video about the program.</p>
Communications Plan	<p>Ms. Surkamer and Mr. Sox spoke about the need for a comprehensive communications plan for the agency, and introduced Milly Hough, Communications Director. Ms. Hough presented the plan and answered questions.</p>
40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plan	<p>Ms. Hough and Ms. Surkamer presented the plan for commemorating the SCAC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a timeline of activities. The official kickoff of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year will be at a statewide arts conference to be held in Newberry on September 10-11, closing with a reception at the College of Charleston during Spoleto in 2008.</p>

Mr. Fraser offered to approach Wachovia to ask for support of a billboard campaign.

LINC

There was consensus agreement to defer discussion of the LINC program until the June 22 meeting.

Executive Director's  
Report

Ms. Surkamer outlined the day's schedule of events and opportunities for the board.

Staff updates:

- the agency has hired a full-time Folk & Traditional Arts coordinator
- the agency has hired a part-time grants office assistant
- the agency is currently interviewing to fill the administrative assistant position for the executive office
- the agency will be advertising for a part-time assistant for the design arts program.

The agency has received a waiver from the SC Human Affairs Commission for reporting its minority hiring practices, based on its positive record in that area.

There will be 18 teacher institutes offered this summer through the Arts in Basic Curriculum program.

New Commissioners

Ms. Stern announced that the Governor had appointed two new commissioners to the SCAC board: Mr. Henry Horowitz of Greenville and Ms. Barbara Nwokike of Charleston.

There was no other business.

Motion

Ms. Govan moved to adjourn. Mr. Ferillo seconded and the motion was approved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. for members to attend the opening ceremonies of the Spoleto Festival.